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Sri K. VINAYAKAM :—" May I know whether there are any Andhra offices located in the Government buildings belonging to the Madras State? "

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I want notice, Sir."

Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Is any rent charged for occupation of Government buildings by these offices? "

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Which offices? "

Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Offices which have been shifted from private buildings to Government buildings."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" I think the hon. Member wants to know whether Madras Government's offices which have been shifted from private buildings to Government buildings pay any rent to Government." (Laughter.)

Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Yes, Sir."

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" No, no. Government offices are located in Government buildings. There is no question of their paying any rent to Government."

Sri M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" Sir, ஆந்திர சர்க்காரைச் சேர்ந்த இலாகாக்கள் இன்னும் எத்தனை சென்னையில் இருக்கின்றன என்பதைக் கூற முடியுமா? "

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I have no information on hand. If a separate question is put, I shall be able to answer."

Sri A. RATNAM :—" May I know the names of departments that have still got to be shifted to Government buildings? "

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I have got a long list of 66 names. Does the hon. Member want me to read out those names? "

Mr. SPEAKER :—" No, we do not have time. The Hon. Minister can print those names and circulate the list to hon. Members."

Regeneration operations by the Forest Department in Chingleput and South Arcot districts.

* 591 *Q.*—Sri K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the extent of regeneration operation area of the Forest Department in Chingleput and South Arcot districts; and

(*b*) the species of trees of economic importance that are being raised in the regeneration operation area in South Arcot district?

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—

"(a) Chingleput district	.. .. ..	4,609 acres.
South Arcot district	.. .. ..	3,316 „

"(b) (1) Casuarina,
(2) Neem,
(3) Prosopis Juliflora,
(4) Acacia arabica,
(5) Cassia Siamea,
(6) Sapindus emarginatus,
(7) Cassia fistula,
(8) Terminalia arjuna,
(9) amarind,
(10) Mango,
(11) Dalbergia sissoo,
(12) Cashewnut,
(13) Babul,
(14) Kattuvagai."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—"Trees of economic importance like rosewood, teakwood, sissoo and other varieties, are not grown in appreciably large numbers in South Arcot district. Will the Government come forward to enrich the economic importance of South Arcot by raising these valuable species of trees in South Arcot district forests?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—"I would like the hon. Member to know that raising particular species of trees depends upon the nature of the soil and the quantum of rains that would be available. For instance, teakwood requires lot of rains. I am afraid it would not be possible to raise teakwood in South Arcot district, because of paucity of rains in that district, however much the hon. Member is interested in that district."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—"Along with the raising of trees of high economic value in the forests of South Arcot district, will the Government consider the desirability of nourshing wild animals like lions, tigers and foxes in the forest of South Arcot district?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—"That again would depend upon the density of forests. I am afraid South Arcot is unfortunately not possessed of such dense forests as to permit the nourishing of wild animals like lions, tigers, etc." (Laughter.)

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—"Chingleput is well known as a dry area. Once a year we have drought there. Since forests have, according to popular impression, a vital link with rainfall, would Government direct an authoritative enquiry into the link between rainfall and forests and if the answer is in the affirmative intensify the rearing of forests in Chingleput district?"

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Government have been doing their best to raise the plantations in Chingleput and South Arcot districts. I may give for the information of the hon. Member that whereas in the year 1952–53, only 70 acres were planted in Chingleput district and only 131 acres in South Arcot district, in the year 1953–54, 490 acres were planted in Chingleput district and 571 acres were planted in South Arcot district."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" The Hon. the Minister for Forests was reading out a list of botanical names which are quite unintelligible to us. Among the trees that are planted in Chingleput district, may I know whether a tree like ' Chingua Bungua ' which would yield more fibre is planted? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" What is the Tamil equivalent for ' Chingua Bungua '? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would request the hon. Member Mr. Vinayakam, who is a great protagonist in Tamil, to give the Tamil name for ' Chingua Bungua ' ".

[There was no answer from the hon. Member Sri K. Vinayakam.]

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister for Forests whether Government possess any scientific data to link rains with forests? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I am afraid I do not have any such information with me to supply to the hon. Member."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" The hon. Member Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar's question is: Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to give us information as to whether there is any increase or decrease in rainfall with the increase or decrease in the forest area? " 8–30 a.m.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I have already answered that, subject to the availability of rainfall, we have been trying to do our best by taking up a vigorous programme of plantation and regeneration."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" In the process of regeneration of forests, may I know whether the Forest Department has been given directions to afford ample opportunities to the ryots to till and cultivate, and grow casuarina plantations side by side? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Government are permitting kumari cultivation in areas where plantations are grown provided it can be done without prejudice to the plantations."